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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF NEW SRI LANKAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO
INDIA, ARTHUR BASNAYAKE

1. ARTHUR BASNAYAKE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN NAMED SRI LANKA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INDIA. HE WILL LEAVE FOR NEW DELHI THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

2. BASNAYAKE, A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, HAS SERVED IN RANGOON, ROME, WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, NEW DELHI, LONDON, AND AS AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CEYLON DELEGATION TO THE THIRD NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LUSAKA IN 1970. HE ALSO ATTENDED THE LIMA NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN 1975 AND THE UN 7TH SPECIAL SESSION IN 1975.

3. BASNAYAKE IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN, 13, 12, AND 1-1/2 YEARS OLD. HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A RATHER COLD FISH, UNEMOTIONAL, BUT HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, BORDERING ON BRILLANT. HE SPEAKS FONDLY OF HIS YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES - HE LIKED THE OPENNESS AND HOSPITALITY OF THE AMERICANS - AND STILL
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CORRESPONDS WITH SEVERAL AMERICANS HE MET THERE 25 YEARS AGO. HE KNOWS DAVE SCHNEIDER AND SPEAKS HIGHLY OF HIM.

4. MRS. BASNAYAKE, A TALL RATHER PRETTY WOMAN, IS A STRICT VEGETARIAN AND WILL NOT EVEN EAT FISH. HE IS A VEGETARIAN AT HOME, BUT WILL QUIETLY EAT MEAT WHEN DINING OUT TO AVOID RAISING A FUSS, BUT WILL NOT EAT PORK.

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